



## MINUTES

### Meeting of the Woolverstone Parish Council Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm at Berners Hall

1. **Apologies:** Simon Quantrill, Mark Bostock, Peter Patrick
2. **Attendance:** Phil Mayhew, Elspeth Iskander, Simon Pearce, Derek Davis, David Wood, Kathryn Deaton, Alison Gladding, Jen Young
3. Declaration of any prejudicial interest – none.
4. Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – carried to next meeting to be proposed and seconded
5. **Matters Arising.**

Simon emailed all parties as requested.

Two potential new members are Simon Kent and Kris Meadows. It has been confirmed that Adam Golding has resigned. There are two vacancies so Simon Pearce will approach both potential members.

Poor sign maintenance has been reported.

Ganges – there are no key updates as the funding is not yet confirmed or otherwise.

Simon Pearce queried how Babergh were investing the money that they have borrowed from the government. Derek Davis advised that the money is not taxpayers money as it is a loan from the government. Discussion followed on why the money was not invested in the district and also if the business venture is a failure then the taxpayers would end up covering the loss. Simon Pearce asked if we can query the investment with the council. Derek Davis advised that we had the opportunity to do this.

Village meeting – Simon Pearce emailed the PowerPoint presentation along with the minutes to the members of the village. He had received thanks from several villagers.

Cycle path meeting – Phil Mayhew met and discussed the various routes with Tony Gould, Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign. He raised the issue of people cycling on designated footpaths. He agreed that if they get funding he will allow a path to be built on his land at the Freston junction. He has also suggested to them the use of the wide verge from Ipswich School to Chelmondiston.

Natural England do not feel they can put the footpath along the foreshore from Stoke Sailing Club to The Royal Harwich Yacht Club as there are waders in that area. There will

be further discussion with the route possibly coming inland.  
A Parish Councillor cannot be a Data Protection Officer.

#### **6. Report from Councillors and District Councillors**

##### **David Wood:**

Freston crossroads – approval has been given to introduce a 40mph speed limit in the area around the crossroads. The finance has to be agreed.

Natural England has agreed that public consultation on the proposed extensions to the AONB, will commence on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

The Heritage Lottery bid for the Landscape Enhancement Project on the Shotley Peninsula was unsuccessful. The council are to decide if they will submit again next year.

Bus service 98 talks are ongoing regarding an alternative service.

##### **Derek Davis:**

The move has been completed from Hadleigh to Babergh. It will be debated in full council whether the two councils (Mid Suffolk and Babergh) should merge.

#### **7. Woolverstone Widows Homes.**

Simon Pearce viewed the Widows Homes and was told there is no maintenance schedule for the building even though it is listed (Grade 2). The houses are in a state of disrepair with leaking gutters creating damp within the houses, extensive drafts and a falling roof. Derek Davis and Simon Pearce have contacted the council to raise the poor standard of living. Simon Pearce is to contact the tenants asking if they wish the Parish Council to support their case with the council but also to make them aware of the possible consequences given that one has already been sold.

#### **8. BDC and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Consultation.**

Simon Pearce will need to submit the responses tomorrow, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Nothing was required to be added, the committee thanked Simon Pearce. Babergh Alliance and Parish Town Councils will also include reference to Woolverstone in their response.

#### **9. Boundary Commission Proposals**

One key criteria is keeping historically and geographically linked villages together. Chelmondiston, Woolverstone and Bentley have been linked and Brantham linked with Holbrook. This does not reflect the criteria. Discussion followed on why the villages were being linked as detailed. We have until 11<sup>th</sup> December to write and give our views. The committee are to send their thoughts to Simon Pearce by 16<sup>th</sup> November, he will return an outline by 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

#### **10. Fundraising activities for Autumn.**

Friends of Woolverstone has been formally established.

27<sup>th</sup> November a workshop for Christmas Decorations is being held.

Punch and Pie is 3<sup>rd</sup> December and being organised with seven stall holders booked.

Ipswich High School has offered their grounds for a musical event in the two weeks between them finishing for Summer and the state school finishing.

Open gardens is again an option for 2018.

The Bagnalls have offered a musical evening however a £500 cost would apply. Derek Davis offered support in getting a grant to cover this.

Simon Pearce asked for Friends of Woolverstone to be a regular agenda item.

**11. Finance**

No further expenditure. A donation to the British Legion will be made.

**12. Planning**

The Walled Garden. Derek Davis to going to talk to the planning department and ask for a site inspection as the builder is building whatever they wish and change of use has not been applied for with the current conversion from a garage to a house.

**13. Correspondence**

None.

**14. AOB**

Phil Mayhew advised that there was a note on "Shaun's Shorts" advising that there is going to be a bus for the homeless. At the moment they are looking for a site to locate this bus.

Derek Davis advised that at this stage no site had been secured.

Gemma Davis asked if benches could be put up on the road to the marina.

Meeting closed at 21.40

Signed:

Simon Pearce, Chairman.

Date: